



# The Monument



Newsletter of the  
MORROW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
P. O. BOX 401  
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

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Daniel Rhodebeck, Editor

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the year 1988 is now history, it is now time to concentrate on 1989. One of our goals is to keep improving the Genealogy Room at the Mt. Gilead Public Library. We all appreciate the time and labor that Janet Rhodebeck has put forth in putting this room and material together. The library is to be commended for their purchase of the new micro-reader that was obtained last year. Our chapter here in Morrow Co. welcomes any and all research material whether it be books, microfilm, microfiche, etc., and extend a big "thank you" to everyone who has made donations up to this time.

It appears that an agreement has been reached in the language of House Bill 790.

This is the Bill concerning the sealing of Vital Statistics. It appears that the records are going to remain open. Another item of concern for researchers is that Social Security has plans to destroy the original 37 million applications for Social Security. A portion of the information has been placed on computer but much of the general information is omitted. This would include files of individuals born 125 years ago. Letters urging the retention of the original files can be sent to:

Social Security Administration  
6401 Security Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21235

and to our representatives in Congress.

We wish you all Good Luck in the year ahead as you "KEEP DIGGIN'".

Lewis Caskey, President

# Saturday

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Jan. 28 @ 2:00 pm: VIDEOTAPE TOUR OF BUSHNELL HOUSE, MANSFIELD (Ohio Gen. Soc. HQ)

Feb. 25 @ 2:00 pm: "PUBLISHING A FAMILY HISTORY", Charles Giauque [Mount Gilead]

March 18 @ 12:30pm: FOURTH ANNUAL POT-LUCK LUNCHEON; NEW 1st FAMILIES MEMBERS @ *Library*

# Monday

April 24 @ 7:30 pm - To be announced.

May 22 @ 7:30 pm: "LEXINGTON, OHIO==SESQUICENTENNIAL, 1814-1989"

Aug. 28 @ 7:70 pm: "B.Y.O.M.: BRING YOUR OWN MAPS". Members invited to bring any maps or atlases, ancient or recent, original or reprint, local or distant, which would appeal to genealogists and historians.

Sep. 25 @ 7:30-pm: (To Be Announced)

Oct. 23 @ 7:30 pm: "ANCIENT & MODERN ART OF TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS"

Nov. 27 @ 7:30 pm: "RETURN OF THE MAYFLOWER: Reprise of 1987's successful Pilgrim Party"

Except for January & February, *March* all meetings are held in the basement of the First Federal Savings & Loan, 70 North Main Street, Mount Gilead. The January and February *& March* meetings will be in the Assembly Room of the Mount Gilead Public Library.

No meetings are held in June, July, or December.

"LINKS" --- Genealogical Inquiries (Not limited to M.C.G.S. members):

BARTLETT            Need parents of ABNER M. BARTLETT (b 16 Apr 1816; d 31 Aug 1885;  
NICKOLS            bur River Cliff Cem.). Married 3 times, with children all marriages.  
2nd wife: SARAH NICKOLS, Mount Gilead; m. 30 Nov 1837. Their ch:  
Robert Franklin, Wesley Clark, John Oscar, Juliaett, Druzilla Althea,  
Sarah Marsella, Albert Warner & Nathan Herbert.

\*\*\* Eric K. Vandegrift, 3908 Interlake Avenue, North, Seattle, WA 98103

MCKINSTRY          Interested in the MCKINSTRY and FLETCHER families, buried at  
FLETCHER          Hedding Chapel Cemetery, S. Bloomfield Township. Also, membership  
lists of Hedding Chapel M.E. Church, located across from cemetery,  
but now torn down; plus burial records for the cemetery, 1830-1900.

\*\*\* Roger Winterbotham, 101 Minty Drive, Dayton, OH 45415

WOOD                Want information on 12 children of JONATHAN & RACHEL (WHITE) WOOD,  
WHITE               of Delaware & southern Morrow Cos. Some were: Susannah, David,  
Israel, Jonathan, Daniel, Rachel & Stephen. (Family was active in  
"Underground Railroad" activity before Civil War.)

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WILLEY/  
WILLY                Need ancestry of sisters SUSANNAH & SARAH WILLEY (or WILLY), both  
Fairfield Co., OH. Parents reportedly born in Pennsylvania.  
Susannah married ROBERT CURREN, 5 Jan 1828, in Delaware Co.; Sarah  
married NEMIAH CURREN, in 1835, also Delaware Co.

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One of the most interesting research projects involving Morrow Co. history is one that could be termed "ROOTS In Reverse". Whereas Alex Haley traced ancestry to Africa, a native of Africa has traced an ancestor to our county.

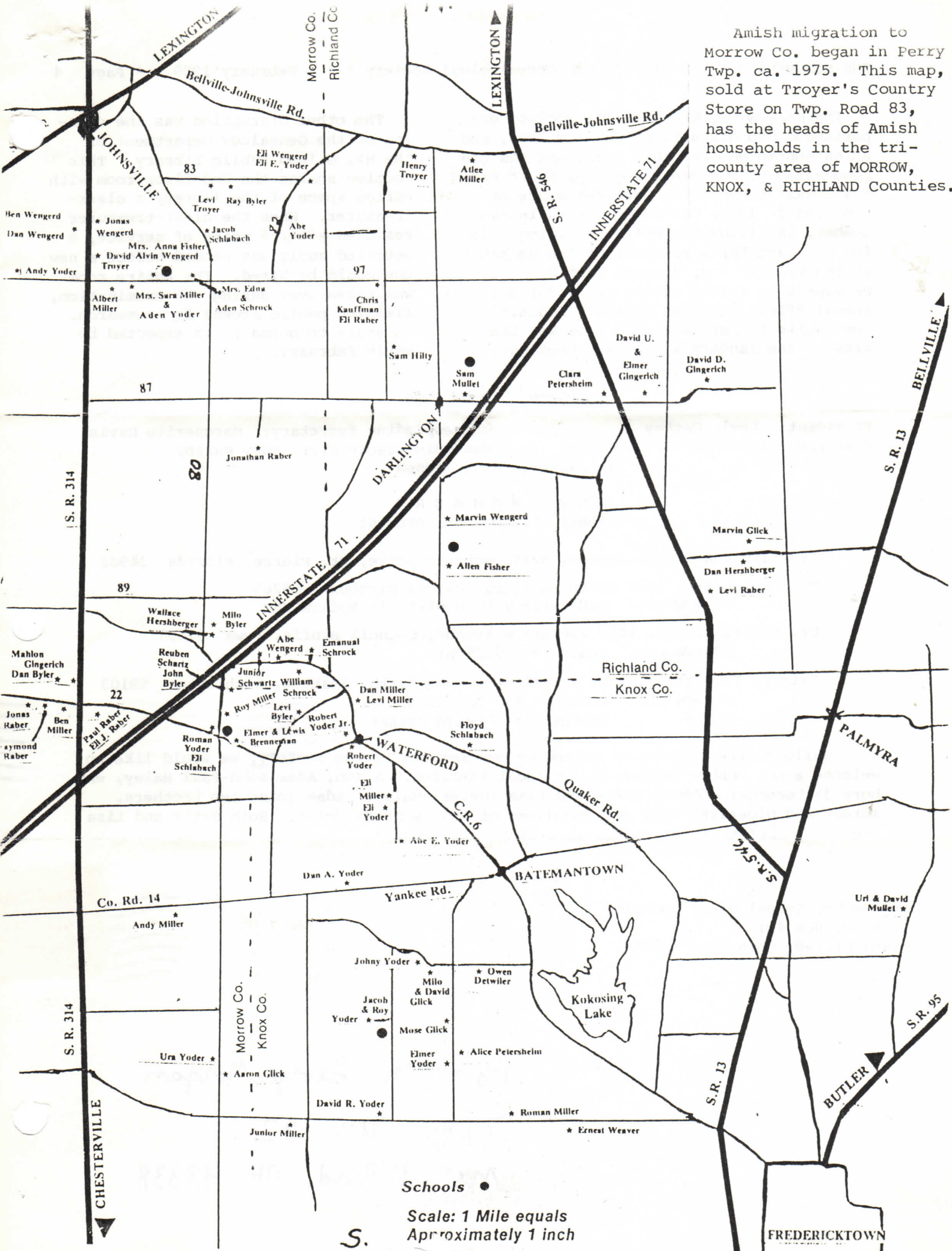
Elmer Johnson, born in Liberia but living in Quincy, MA, identified his forefather as ABRAM SIMPSON, of Peru Twp. Abram, born ca. 1791 in Maryland, lived in N. Carolina several decades, then moved to Morrow Co. ca. 1848. Abram (a mulatto) owned 50 acres near Delaware Co., and lived with son John until he married secondly to a woman named Harriet, who was from Pennsylvania. Abram & Harriet had 6 children: Lorenzo, Riley, Sarah, Mary, Dalphena and Rachel. Abram died in 1863, intestate; all 6 children were named wards of LEVI WOOD. Wife Harriet and son John Simpson were not mentioned in Abram's estate proceedings.

John Simpson was in the Union Army in the Civil War, then moved to Florida. In 1879, John, his wife Julia (a cousin of Mary Todd Lincoln), and their 3 sons emigrated to Liberia. That family line became prominent in the government: grandson C. LORENZO SIMPSON, was Vice President in 1944, then Ambassador to the U.S., and later still, Ambassador to Great Britain.

Elmer Johnson, great great grandson of John Simpson, has lived in the U.S. since 1980. He wants to contact other descendants of Abram Simpson from the second marriage. Surnames would include SMITH & KIMBROUGH (as Dalphena married Nathaniel Smith; sister Rachel married Francis Kimbrough), as well as the SIMPSON surname.

Mr. Johnson may be contacted at:  
79-2 Presidential Dr., Quincy, MA 0216

Amish migration to Morrow Co. began in Perry Twp. ca. 1975. This map, sold at Troyer's Country Store on Twp. Road 83, has the heads of Amish households in the tri-county area of MORROW, KNOX, & RICHLAND Counties.



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Approximately 1 inch

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FREDERICKTOWN

The Morrow Co. Genealogical Society experienced two disruptions in late 1988, and which continued into this year. One was the remodeling of our meeting place: First Federal Savings, where we have met since organizing in 1976. Worked commenced in September, involving the entire building. So for the last three programs of '88 we met at the Trinity U.M. Church, East High St. We expect to return to 1st. Fed. for our annual "First Families Pot-Luck Lunch." The Public Library Assembly Room was the site of the January & February meetings.

The other disruption was the closing of the Genealogy Department of the Mt. Gilead Public Library. This section shares the 2nd floor room with office space of the library's clerk-treasurer. When the clerk-treasurer resigned after 5 years of service, a detailed audit was needed before a new one could be hired. The entire room was taken over during the examination, limiting public access for research. A return to normalcy is expected by early February.

OFFICERS FOR 1989:

President: Lewis Caskey  
Vice President: Daniel Rhodebeck  
Treasurer: June Gibson  
Corresponding Secretary: Marguerite Davis  
Recording Secretary: Mary Murphy

NEW MEMBERS  
And Their Surnames of Interest

- Franklin & Arabella Dawson, 5210 Buchanan Drive, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34982
- Mrs. Ree Green, 1614 South Wester, Mexico, Missouri 65265  
MORROW Co.: DALRUMPLE / DALRAMPLE \*\* BUCKINGHAM
- Dr. Harold L. Noe, 1426 McPherson Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503  
MORROW CO.: BLAIR \*\* FLETCHER
- Eric K. Vandegrift, 3908 Interlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98103  
MORROW Co.: NICKOLS \*\* BARTLETT  
Other: DOWNEY \*\* LEATHERBERRY

While on the subject of welcoming new members to the Society, we would like to welcome a new member to one of our local families. A son, Adam John-Paul Haley, was born 31 December 1988 to Steve and Lisa (Meier) Haley. Adam joins two brothers, Jeremy and Diderich; they are grandsons of Paul & Betty Meier. Both Betty and Lisa are also members of "First Families of Morrow County".

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